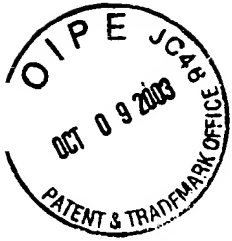


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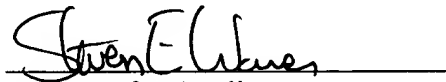
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Applicant has received an Office Action dated September 2, 2003, in the above-identified application. Attached to the Office Action is a copy of a Notice of Art Cited by Applicant dated July 15, 2003, which the Examiner has signed and dated. The Examiner, however, did not initial the document cited on that form, indicating his consideration of that document. Attached, for the Examiner's convenience, are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, the PTO-1449 form, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamped postcard receipt indicating the filing of those papers on July 15, 2003. Applicant requests that the Examiner indicate his consideration of that document by initialing and returning a copy of the PTO-1449 form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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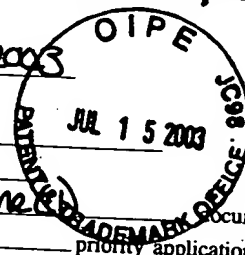
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